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Shahid just sent the note below to me – I don't know if it's worth adding one bullet to the ASTSWMO paper as the summary is long (and the paper was sent to OSWER IO yesterday). It could read something like this:

Rep. Lujan (D-NM) introduced legislation on September 24, 2015, which proposes federal and state collaboration to address impacts of the GKM blowout, and prioritize future remediation of abandoned mines.

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From: Mahmud, Shahid
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Suzanne,

Here is a Summary of the Gold King Mine Spill Recovery Act of 2015. It may be long but there are a few parts to the Bill.

Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3] (Introduced 09/24/2015)

H.R.3602 - Gold King Mine Spill Recovery Act of 2015.

Introduced in House September 24, 2015 by Representative Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM): House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Judiciary; Energy and Commerce Committee

Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice on 10/05/2015

Summary of Bill:

- Section 4 of the bill “Compensation For Victims of the Gold King Mine Spill” provides language on Federal Tort Claims and the establishment of an Office of Gold King Spills within the Agency and specifies allowable damage claims.
- Section 5 of the bill “Long-Term Quality Monitoring Program; Designation as Superfund Site” provides language that EPA work with affected States and Indian tribes to develop, fund, and implement a long-term monitoring program for water quality of the Animas and San Juan Rivers in response to the Gold King Mine spill and to designate the Gold King Mine as a Superfund site on the National Priorities List.
- Section 6 “Amendment to CERCLA” provides language to add a Section 129 entitled “Mining-Related Provisions” which instructs EPA, the Secretary of Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture in coordination with Governors of affected States, the heads of appropriate universities and other federal departments and agencies to identify the most dangerous abandoned mines and inactive mines on public and private lands with respect to the existence of pollution and the potential to release any hazardous substance or other pollutant, particularly with respect to contamination of water; and to establish a priority plan for activities for removal and remediation of the hazardous substances and other pollutants. This section also specifies periodic update of this list and to develop long-term research to characterize and cleanup these sites
- Section 6 also has language that states that before conducting any activity at a mine that presents the potential for discharge of a hazardous substance or other pollutant, EPA needs to notify the appropriate tribal, State, and local unit of government the resources or residents of which may be affected by such a discharge and to develop a contingency plan for implementation in the event of such a discharge.